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HONEY PRODUCTION

California's 2014 honey production of 12.48 million pounds was nearly 15% higher than 2013. There were 320,000 honey producing colonies in 2014, 10,000 less than 2013 and the lowest since at least 1987. The yield per colony averaged 39.0 pounds per colony, an increase of 18% from last year's 33.0 pounds per colony and the highest yield since 2011. California's value of production of \$25.33 million exceeds last year's value of \$22.98 million and is the highest value of production since 2011. This is due primarily to an increased yield and a price per pound of \$2.03, a decrease from last year's \$2.11 per pound, but above California's five-year average price.

Hawaii's 2014 honey production of 1.4 million pounds was roughly 29% higher than 2013. There were 15,000 honey producing colonies in 2014, 2,000 more than in 2013 and the most since at least 1987. The yield per colony averaged 93.0 pounds per colony, an increase of 12% from last year's 83.0 pounds per colony and the highest yield since 2009. Hawaii's yield is the second-highest in the country behind only Mississippi. Hawaii's value of production of \$3.18 million exceeds last year's value of \$2.13 million and is the highest value of production since at least 1987. This is due primarily to an increased yield and a price per pound of \$2.28, an increase from last year's \$1.97 per pound.

Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value – Pacific Region States & United States: 2014 & 2013

[Producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State]

State	Honey producing colonies ^{1/}	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ^{2/}	Average price per pound ^{3/}	Value of production ^{4/}
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)
California						
2013	330	33	10,890	2,505	211	22,978
2014	320	39	12,480	2,995	203	25,334
Hawaii						
2013	13	83	1,079	65	197	2,126
2014	15	93	1,395	140	228	3,181
United States ^{5/ 6/}						
2013	2,640	57	149,499	38,160	214	320,077
2014	2,740	65	178,270	41,192	216	385,241

^{1/} Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

^{2/} Stocks held by producers.

^{3/} Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

^{4/} Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

^{5/} Nevada not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

^{6/} Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

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